

Minutes for Peacham Town Meeting 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015 at 10:00am.

Reverend Robert Potter welcomed the voters. Tim McKay expressed appreciation for the lunch organizers. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. McKay discussed the meeting rules.

Article 1: To elect a moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.

Charlie Browne nominated Tim McKay. Barry Lawson moved to close nominations, Rick Scholes seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. Tim McKay elected by voice vote.

Article 2: to receive the report of the town auditors.

Charlie Byron spoke on the report, and on policy adoptions. Charlie Browne moved to receive the auditors’ report, Diana Senturia seconded. Report was received by voice vote.

Article 3: shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$784,966.50, of which \$482,428.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$302,538.50 by nontax revenue?

Diana Senturia moved the article as written, Rick Scholes seconded. Andy Cochran, selectboard chair, said the budget was the same as previous three years. Discussion ensued regarding highway paving and the roller barn. Budget was passed by voice vote.

Article 4: shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$30,083 to be raised in taxes to support the following organizations?

Organization	Request
Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont	\$660.00
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2,000.00
Catamount Arts	\$500.00
Danville Rescue	\$11,704.00
Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium	\$650.00
Green-Up Vermont	\$50.00
Kingdom Animal Shelter	\$500.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (Adult Basic Education)	\$250.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$769.00
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$500.00
Peacham Community Housing	\$1,000.00
Peacham Fire District #1	\$1,500.00
Peacham Library	\$9,000.00
Umbrella	\$500.00
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$500.00
Total	\$30,083.00

Wynne Browne moved the article as written, Dick Browne seconded. Charlie Browne spoke about appropriations. Jerry Senturia moved to amend the article to increase the appropriations by \$500 to be sent to the West Danville Community Club, Jeff Berwick seconded. Amendment passed by voice vote. Diana Senturia moved to amend the article to increase appropriations by \$800 to be sent to the Danville/Peacham Senior Meals, Jerry Senturia seconded. After discussion, amendment passed by voice vote. Appropriations of \$31,383 passed by voice vote.

Article 5: shall the town pay its real property taxes to the town treasurer on or before November 2, 2015, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of 1% per month and with an 8% penalty charged against them from the due date?

Diana Senturia moved the article as written, Dart Thalman seconded. Article passed by voice vote.

Article 6: to elect a town clerk for a term of one year.

Richard Brown nominated Tom Galinat. Peter Craig moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast a single ballot, Ron Craig seconded. Passed by voice vote. Tom Galinat elected.

Article 7: to elect a town treasurer and tax collector for a term of one year.

Ron Craig nominated Tom Galinat. Peter Craig moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast a single ballot, Diana Senturia seconded. Passed by voice vote. Tom Galinat elected.

Article 8: to elect a select board member for a term of three years.

Lynne Lawson nominated Dave Jacobs. Cornelia Hasenfuss nominated Mike Heath. A paper vote was taken, 116 ballots counted, 77 for Jacobs and 39 for Heath. Dave Jacobs elected.

Article 9: to elect a lister for a term of three years.

Jim Minichiello nominated Rick Scholes. Charlie Browne moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast a single ballot, Diana Senturia seconded. Passed by voice vote. Rick Scholes elected.

Article 10: to elect an auditor for a term of three years.

Morris McCain nominated Jan Eastman. Peter Craig moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast a single ballot, Wynne Browne seconded. Jan Eastman elected.

Article 11: to elect a grand juror for a term of one year.

Dick Browne nominated Charlie Browne. Charlie Browne elected by voice vote.

Article 12: to elect a town agent for a term of one year.

Jerry Senturia nominated Bob Fuehrer. Bob Fuehrer elected by voice vote.

Article 13: to elect a first constable for a term of one year.

Peter Craig nominated John Sheehan. John Sheehan elected by voice vote.

Article 14: to elect a second constable a term of one year.

Jerry Senturia nominated Peter Craig. Diana Senturia moved to close nominations, John Marshall seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. Peter Craig elected by voice vote.

Article 15: to elect a delinquent tax collector for a term of one year.

Ron Craig nominated John Sheehan. Peter Craig moved to close nominations, Dick Browne seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. John Sheehan elected by voice vote.

Article 16: to elect a trustee of the peacham library for a term of three years.

Julianne Barney nominated Carolyn Deasy. John Marshall moved to close nominations, Dick Browne seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. Carolyn Deasy elected by voice vote.

Article 17: to transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dick Browne thanked Andy Cochran for his service on the selectboard. Neil Monteith praised Fire Chief Jeff Berwick. Peacham Historical Association thanked the Town for its support. A reminder was given for the Peacham Farm Support Grant. New members were solicited for the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department. Jock Gill thanked Stan Fickes for his service in the Town Office. Jock Gill offered his services as Town Energy Coordinator. Peacham Library thanked the Town for its support. Health Officer Josh Kantrowitz provided healthy tips and asked for lecture ideas. Fairbanks Museum thanked the Town for its support, and reminded us that admission is free to Peacham residents. Annette Lorraine offered two corrections to the Town Report; the total number of delinquent parcels on page 25 should be deleted; and in the 2014 appointments listed on page 17, Greg Schoolcraft is not on the Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

Peacham Selectboard

Nathan Giroux

Annette Lorraine

David Jacobs

Moderator

Timothy McKay

Town Clerk

Stanley Fickes